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State of Pennsylvania, County of
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Before me, a Notary Public in and
for said county and State, duly com-
missioned and sworn, personally ap-
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and say:

That he is employed as foreman of
the press room of The Daily Courier,
a newspaper published in Connell-
ville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania;

That the number of copies of said
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ing the week ending Saturday, July 23,
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July 23.....3,000

And further sayeth not

JOHN B. COOLEY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 23rd day of July, 1904.

JOHN KURTZ,
Notary Public.

FIRE BOSSES.

The decision in the matter of the
number of fire bosses the law con-
templated and demands in the Export
mine will be interesting to the mining
world, but it will not be a conclusive
finding, nor will it establish a fixed
ratio of fire bosses to the number of
employees.

The number of fire bosses necessary
in a mine depends largely upon the
mine's condition, and not wholly upon
the number of men working therein,
so that each case must be considered
separately.

This much can be said, in a gen-
eral way, that no operator ought to
try to economize in any of the neces-
sary means to prevent mine disas-
ters, because not only do such acci-
dents mean loss of life, but they
also mean loss of property; and if
the operator is so heartless as to care
little for the former, certainly the
latter appeals to him as a business
proposition. People who have no
hearts, usually have very sensitive
pocketbooks.

It really seems to us that it is a
serious reflection upon the intelligence
of a mine owner to be haled into court
for not having enough fire bosses in his
pit.

A COWARDLY EVASION.

In response to a recent repetition of
our standing challenge to The News
to make a public and comparative
showing of circulation records the
Artful Dodger says:

The Courier devoted a column
of its cheap editorial space to The
News yesterday. It denies main-
taining stables in outlying points
where its "circulation" is housed.
We published the letter from Daw-
son on the subject. The writer of
the letter didn't have to make af-
fidity to its correctness. He ad-
vises us this morning that the sta-
ble full of Couriers is still there
for inspection. The sort of circula-
tion that pays the publisher and
advertiser is that which is bought
and paid for. The News sells;
The Courier "prints and circu-
lates."

There is nothing mean about us.
We quote the paragraph in full in or-
der to give The News the benefit
of twice as much publicity as it is
capable of getting in its own columns.
We need hardly point out that the
answer is a miserable and cowardly
evasion, like all the other answers
The News has made to our repeated
challenges.

Down in West Virginia, where they

say the coke manufacturers got all
the cars they want, it seems that they
are eternally pursuing the railroads
through the courts with complaints
that they are discriminated against.
Up here in the Connellville region,
where the operators never got enough
cars when trade is brisk, they never
think of bringing an action of law,
but are content to do a little faint pro-
testing.

The West Virginia coal operators
have gotten together and pooled
prices. The Connellville coke opera-
tors might do something of the same
kind with mutual and decided profit.

Russia is getting tired of the war
in the Orient.

The street carnival discovered some
counterfeit money last night. It was
not a welcome discovery, nor a car-
nival of fun for the victims, and it won't
be very funny for the scoundrels who
passed it if they are located.

The butchers' strike is "on again,
off again, come again rain again."

Young George McClellan has been
to Esopus to see the Judge. Tam-
many wants to nominate him for Gov-
ernor in the hope of getting rid of
him as Mayor. George is like Teddy
Roosevelt, too strenuously honest and
decent in the management of public
business, and that isn't the kind of
management that suits Tammany.

North Union township has betrayed
the first enterprise under the new
road law.

The enforced idleness of the Trotter
and Laisnering coke plants will not
be the most welcome news for Con-
nellville business men. However, the
suspension is but temporary. The
sun of prosperity is mounting higher.

The Nihilists seem to be aroused
to new activity in Russia. The Czar
has lost another minister whose record
for oppression was notorious.

The proposed New Haven cooking
main was broken up by the iron hand
of the law and the participants scat-
tered a flight. It is not for us to say
that the guilty who fled were deep-
ly-dyed sinners all, for we have it on
the authority of the gentle-souled Opti-
mistic "Lion Jacklin," who would
fight the chieftains though he scorned
his repentant sons' afterwards. He
lived in the Bible from liver to liver.

Johnny comes marching home again
today.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

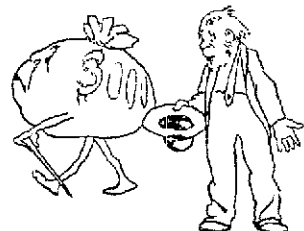
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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

It may be true that every man has
his price, but every man you meet
hasn't got the price.

Some people appear to be afraid that
there will not be truth enough to go
around.

As a general thing a woman is "on to"
her husband to a much greater ex-
tent than he imagines.



It is said that money talks, but it
does not say a great deal for some peo-
ple.

Some people who fondly insist that
honesty is the best policy only have a
theoretical knowledge in regard to it.

When opportunity knocks at some
men's doors they draw the shades
closer and keep quiet, under the im-
pression that it is a bill collector.

A woman would not so thoroughly ap-
preciate being an old man's darling if
it were not for the salary that goes
with it.

Your argument will convince the
most obstinate man if you will show
him where it is money in his pocket
to believe that way.

Men who smoke five cent cigars
usually try to see if any one is look-
ing when they purchase one.

Taming the Bad Man.
From the Bad Lands, where they muster
Men so mean they will not draw,
Bold, bad Bill, the broncho buster,
Whooped in, shouting up the alley
He was drunk enough to do it,
And he didn't care who knew it.

At the first hint of his exit,
At the first crack of his gun
Citizens drew up the alley
Or wherever they could run
Leaving him to have the way
Boss of all he might survey.

As he shot holes in the village
With extra shots and a
Broom he lit, and lit the place
And the light was good to him
He was sure that it was rain,
He'd have liked to catch a fish.

But a little man's figure
Then came in, and he said to him
And a good night to you, the
The light was good to him
He was sure that it was rain,
He'd have liked to catch a fish.

Neither is a Cinch

"What profession is it he does to
follow for a living?"

"I don't know whether it is a profes-
sion or trade. The married a
beings."

New Idea Patterns 106 All Sizes 10 cents

Ladies' Wrappers,

High grade, neat and well made. None better made at \$1.00. Our price. 85c

Kimonas,

Long Kimonas, cool, comfortable and pretty, 75c

Short Kimonas and Dressing Sacques 50c and 75c

Tan Jackets,

For these cool Summer evenings. Buy one now. Prices 1/3, 1/4 and 1/2 off.

Table Linen,

No housekeeper can have too many table cloths. Prices ranging from 25c to \$1.50 a yard

Leche, Buckwalter & Co.,
One-Price STORE.

EVERY CARE

That is possible to put into the making of Child-
ren's Shoes right is used in all our Children's foot-
wear. The lasts and shapes of the shoes are such that they fit as nicely as grown persons' shoes do. We take special pride in this part of our business, and believe we can please parents with some of the shoes made for children, and at prices that will save you money

Norris & Hooper
104 W. Main St.

**Special Sunday Excursion to Pitts-
burg via B. & O. R. R.**
Sunday, July 31st.

FARE FOR ROUND TRIP \$1.00.

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Look for the Best

Homes you can put your feet into.
People are in their shoes more than
they are anywhere else. Study the
conditions you have to face the
longest.

OUR FOOTWEAR

Is as pleasant as a dancing party,
as comfortable as a solid man's feel-
ings, and as money-saving as a bank

Donnelly & Irwin,
130 N. Pittsburg St.

GLAD NEWS!

OUR

Immense Clearance Sale

WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 1st.

When entering upon our Great Sale
it was with the firm determination to
clear out all our Summer Goods now.

\$20,000 Worth

of stock is not easily disposed of within 10 days,
and great and unusual as the public's attendance of
our sale was, it was not sufficient to help us carry
out our purpose to its full extent.

We are still left with some of our
**Summer Clothing,
Shoes, Hats and
Furnishings**

and we decided we must get rid of them. A
continuance of our extraordinary and unprecedented
price slaughters for a few days will doubtlessly re-
move the last Summer article from our store.

Come and see what need of money
and room can do. But don't be too
late.

Remember, Monday, August 1, is the Last Day

JACOB KINSBURY,

109 N. Pittsburg St.,

Connellsville, Pa.

UNCLE TERRY.

Last Week of Our Odd and End Sale

and according to our usual custom, we have offered goods at prices that make it an object for customers to inconvenience themselves to attend this sale. While the advertising atmosphere is heavily charged with exaggeration, it is well that you should remember who are the trustworthy advertisers.

For years we have labored to make our store news plain and truthful, always strong as facts demand, but never over-
stated. Our large sales of last year develop goods for this sale at remarkable bargains. We have told you of small lots and
samples we are offering clearly and truthfully, that's the point we wish to emphasize.

We give you a perfect basis for belief that we can, and do save you money. Our facts and your faith are the creators of
this large business.

Buy Now! Your Credit Is Good for Everything You Want.

Parlor Suits

Our Parlor Suit stock has some
cheap selections in:
2-piece Mahogany Frame Figured
Velour Suits, at \$15.00.
5-piece Mahogany Frame Plaza
Suits, at \$23.00.
5-piece Mahogany Frame Figured
Velour Suits, at \$32.00.
5-piece Mahogany Frame Silk Ve-
lour Suits, at \$33.00.
Corner Chairs and Window Seats,
mahogany polish finish frames, up-
holstered in damask and velour, at
\$5.75.

Parlor Stands

PARLOR STAND in solid oak, 16x16
top; twisted leg, at 75c.
Solid oak, 15 inch top, polished, at
\$1.00.
55 sample Stands in oak and ma-
hogany, fancy shapes, to close the
sample has the price is one-half for-
mer price.

Folding Beds

Solid oak, \$12.00 and \$15.00.

Rockers

High back golden oak finished
Rockers, pentamant's shoe, we have
50 of them; they go at \$15.50.
High back and nicely carved golden
oak or mahogany finished, at \$2.75.
We have 75 patterns in Rockers that
are samples, slightly scuffed; we will
close them out at one-half price.
High back oak or mahogany finish,
cubbier seat Rockers, finely finished,
at \$2.75.
Oak and mahogany piano finish,
frame, upholstered in velour, assorted
colors, at \$2.75.

We show 200 patterned bedslips
We show 200 patterns in Rockers
in all the up-to-date styles and at
prices that will make you buy.

Couches

VELOUR COUCHES in full size
nicely tufted, assorted colors, at \$6.75.
Velour Couches, all colors, \$7.75.
Velour Couches at \$9.50.
Velour Couches at \$12.00.
Velour Couches at \$15.00.
All the best patterns in Couches.
The kind that are stylish and durable.

Chiffoniers

Solid Oak Chiffonier, 5 deep draw-
ers, polish finish, at \$5.75.
Solid Oak Chiffonier, 5 deep draw-
ers and glass, at \$8.50.
Solid Oak Chiffonier, mirror, three
large drawers, 2 small drawers, 1 hat
box, \$9.50.
Many other patterns in nice goods,
fancy shapes and at prices that will
make you buy.

Bedroom Suits

Solid Oak Polished Bedroom Suit,
full size bedroom, glass dresser, 21x11,
velour, plate, for \$20.00.
Mahogany Finished Bedroom Suit
21x30 French bevel plate in dresser,
for \$22.00.
Solid Oak Polished Bedroom Suit,
pattern French plate 21x11, combina-
tion washstand, \$29.00.
Good French Bedroom Suit, 21x30
case in dresser, all full size and very
nice goods, at \$18.00.

Iron Beds

Full single size white enamel,
at \$2.25.
Full or single size Iron Beds, white
enamel, at \$4.50.
Full or single size Iron Bed in
three colors, white, green, mahogany,
at \$6.50.
Brass rail on head and foot
An endless line of Beds in prices
from \$7.50 to \$75.00.

Tables

SPECIAL IN EXTENSION TABLES.
A solid oak, 12-inch top, square, 6-ft.
extension; 5-in. fluted legs, polish fi-
nish, catches in own leaves, is com-
plete in one piece, at \$10.50.
Go to Extension Tables at \$4.25.
Solid Polished Oak Tables at \$5.75.
6-foot Polished Oak Tables at \$7.75.
6-foot Polished Oak Tables at \$9.00.

Sideboards

Golden Oak, finely finished, at \$12.50.
Golden Oak, finely finished, at \$15.00.
Golden Oak, finely finished, at \$18.00.
Golden Oak, finely finished, at \$20.00.
Golden Oak, finely finished, at \$22.00.
Golden Oak, finely finished, at \$26.00.
Golden Oak, finely finished, at \$30.00.
All the stylish patterns are shown
on our floor, and the best goods made

Chairs

Our chair stock has been cut down
some, but we still have some choice
bargains.
High back Golden Oak Chair, at
High back, golden oak chair, at 50c.
High back, solid oak chair, at \$1.00.
High back, solid oak chair, at \$1.25.
High back, solid oak chair, at \$1.50.
Only 80 golden oak, brace arm,
leather seat and back chairs left; they
go at \$2.00.
Odds and ends—We still have a few
choice patterns in lots of 2, 3 and 4,
at your own price.
Morris Chair at \$4.50.

The Aaron Co.

SERMONS TOMORROW.

What the Ministers Will Preach on From the Local Pulpits.

LAST OPEN AIR MEETING.

New Pipe Organ Will Be Placed in United Presbyterian Church—interesting services by the South Side Baptists.

First United Presbyterian Church, North Pittsburg and Pottsville streets, Rev. J. J. Hunter, D. D., pastor. The following services will be held on Sabbath. Sabbath school at 10 A. M. Christian Union at 11 A. M. The pastor will preach at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. The subject of the morning sermon will be, "Standing in Thy Lot at the End of Days." In the evening the pastor will speak from the topic, "Zealously Affected by a Good Cause." This will be the last of the open air services held this season, as the pastor goes away the first of the week for his vacation. In case of rain the service will be held in the church at 7:45 P. M. The choir will render special music at the morning and evening service. The new pipe organ will be placed in the church during the month of August, while the pastor is spending his vacation.

There is always room at the top, but there will be room for you at the South Side Baptist Church tomorrow, if you will attend the service. Just think, the summer will soon be gone. Have you done your Christian duty this summer? If not, begin now. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. The morning church service will begin at 11 o'clock, the subject being, "The Secret of a Radiant Personality." The church will enjoy the presence of other Christian workers in the evenings during the remainder of the summer months. The B. Y. P. U. will convene at 7:15, with Miss Anderson of Dunbar in charge. The subject selected for discourse at this meeting is, "A Lesson from Flowers." The pastor will speak at 7:45 on "The One Who is Preaching." Wednesday evening prayer meeting topic will be "The Holy Spirit as a Teacher."

In all probability Brother W. C. Smith of Dunbar will be with us the first Sunday evening in August; Rev. P. T. Dennis of Flatwoods, the second, and Rev. D. E. Miner, the third, the evangelist of Dunbar, the blacksmith. The pastor hopes that with the coming of these new workers there will be an increase in attendance of the members of the church. A cordial welcome is given to everybody who will come to these meetings.

At the Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Apple and Meadow streets, Rev. M. A. Rice, pastor, the Sunday morning service will be held at 11 o'clock, and the evening service at 7:45. In the evening the Chautauque vesper service will be held. For more than a quarter of a century this service has been one of the most delightful of any held at the famous Chautauque Assembly. The Sabbath school will be held at 9:45 o'clock A. M., and the League Devotional at 6:45 P. M.

New Haven Trinity Church. The regular service will be held in the morning at 10:30. The pastor, Rev. Dr. H. Cartwright, will officiate, and continue his special explanatory discourses on the Epistle for the day. Sunday school at 9:30. The pastor will preach at Dunbar in the afternoon at 3 and conduct his adult bible class, and in the evening at Scottdale at 7:30. Full vested choir at Scottdale in the evening service. The pastor intends to resume Sunday evening services in Connellsville shortly when he hopes to have an assistant.

First Baptist Church. "Curse Blessings" is the subject upon which Rev. Maynard R. Thompson will speak Sunday morning. In the evening the subject will be "How Can a Man Obtain the Favor of God?" Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.; B. Y. U. at 6:40 P. M. notwithstanding hot weather and the vacation season, the attendance and interest continues to be good at all services, including the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. John G. Deninger, one of our ministerial students from Bucknell University, will preach at Meyer Sunday at 3:30.

Christian Church, C. M. Watson, pastor. The regular church meetings at 9:15 A. M., the Christian Endeavor Society at 7 P. M. The regular church services are held in the morning at 10:30; in the evening at 7:45. Dr. George Sanfter of the Bellevue Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburg, will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in the Methodist Protestant Church.

At the Presbyterian Church Rev. W. A. Bilo, pastor, there will be communion services at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The subject of the evening sermon will be "A Safe Place." There will be no services in this church except the Sabbath school on August 7 and 14, but the regular morning and evening services will be held again as usual on August 21.

Services are held every Sunday at the Immaculate Conception Church, corner East Main and Prospect streets, Masses at 8 and 10:30. Trinity Reformed Church, corner Pittsburg and Green streets, Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.; services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.; Christian Endeavor at 6:30 P. M. Rev. A. J. Heller, pastor.

Calling on Old Friends. Frank W. Jackson of New York, ex-United States Consul to Pottsville, is now the head of the large, est. contract work in the country, was called on a new set of friends, to Pittsburg, and the M. P. Journal. He and wife, Mr. Jackson, who are summering in West Newton with Mrs. Jackson's parents, Captain and Mrs. C. C. Martin, Johnson's home was originally at Ohio.

25 Cents a Month. For The Daily Courier delivered at your door.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Live Local News From All Parts of the Town.

100 pairs of ladies' \$3.00 and \$3.50 shoes, spring stock, at \$2.00 a pair this week at Rhodes & Smith's. Don't miss Rhodes & Smith's special sale.

Go to Rhodes & Smith's sale. Prof. Turner will give another dance at Soisson park, Saturday evening, July 30.

Mr. Edwin Keagay will sell all household goods at a sacrifice, the week commencing August 1, corner Pittsburg and Green streets.

Isabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Kelly, accompanied by her little friend, Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davidson, left today for Oakland, Md. They will spend the summer at Venith, the summer cottage of the Misses Porter, sisters of Mrs. Kelly.

Jesse Smith of Patterson avenue has gone to Bedford county to look after his farm and make his hay. He will return in 10 days.

William Danahy, secretary of the Pottsville Geographical Association, was in Connellsville between trains this morning. He has been out on a week's trip through Maryland and Northern West Virginia, and is much impressed with that country. Danahy is one of the few fortunate newspaper men of Pittsburg who got out of it into something good. He held down every job on the Pittsburg Leader from office boy to city editor and he always did it well.

Don't forget the dance at Soisson park on Saturday evening, July 30. New floor, smooth as glass.

Jessie Pearl, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Ayers of West Peach street is threatened with pneumonia. Mrs. Jennings and daughter, Miss Maud, of South Prospect street, went to this morning, where they will be the guests of friends for several days.

Miss Laura Evans and Miss Eliza both Buss of Dawson were the guests of friends in Connellsville Friday evening.

Miss Anna Mitchell, saleslady for the Wright-Metzler Company, returned home Friday from a visit with friends at Chippewa.

Mrs. Joseph Cotton and Misses Daisy and Frances Brown of Dawson were the guests of friends in Connellsville, Friday.

Mrs. Hannah Newmyer of Scottdale is the guest of Mrs. Clara McCormick, West Fayette street.

Edward McKerr of Pittsburg, who has been the guest of friends in Connellsville for the past several days, returned home today.

Have you tried the new dance floor at Soisson park yet? If not, go to Prof. Turner's dance Saturday evening, July 30.

W. J. Dixon of Uniontown spent a few hours with friends in Connellsville today.

Mrs. Edw. G. and Mrs. Edwin of Uniontown are spending in Connellsville, Friday.

Mrs. James A. Pines of Pleasant Hill and sister, Mrs. George Jackson Hissel, of Pittsburg, left this morning on B. & O. train No. 6 for Shenandoah Junction where they will remain for several days.

Mrs. James Smith and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Dawson, were the guests of friends in Connellsville, Friday.

Read The Daily Courier. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Langhrey, Mr. and Mrs. Percy McElhannon, Mr. Oliver Snyder and Mrs. Fletcher of Dawson took in the beautiful Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Husted of Uniontown were the guests of friends in Connellsville, Friday evening.

Miss Isabelle Calhoun and Miss Jennie Watt of Dunbar were shopping in Connellsville, Friday.

BALTIMORE & OHIO.

To The St. Louis World's Fair at Very Low Rates. Various forms of excursion tickets to St. Louis via Baltimore & Ohio railroad now on sale from Connellsville as follows:

Season Tickets, good to return until December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$25.25 round trip.

Sixty Day Excursion Tickets, final limit not later than December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$20.25 round trip.

Fifteen Day Excursion Tickets, to be sold daily at rate of \$16.65 round trip.

Variable Rate Excursion Ticket, either season, 60 and 15 day, will be sold going via one direct route and returning via another direct route, full information concerning which can be obtained from ticket agent.

Stop-overs not exceeding ten days will be allowed at Washington, D. C., Park, Mount Airy, Lake Park, Oakland, Mitchell, Ind. (for French Lick and West Baden Springs), Cincinnati and Chicago with return limit, upon notice to conductor and deposit of ticket with depot ticket.

Stop-overs not exceeding ten days will be allowed at St. Louis on all one-way (except Colonial) Tickets to the Pacific Coast, and round-trip tickets reading to points beyond St. Louis, upon deposit of ticket with Validating Agent and payment of fee of \$1.00.

Three solid vestibule trains are run daily from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington via Parkersburg and Cincinnati to St. Louis. Three solid vestibule trains are run daily from Pittsburg, Wheeling and Columbus via Cincinnati to St. Louis. "Nightbird" coaches, sleeping cars, observation cars and unexcelled dining car service.

For illustrated folder, time table and full information, call at Ticket office, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

JOHN BANISTER.

An English Violinist Who Won Fame in the Seventeenth Century.

Public concerts owe their direct encouragement to John Banister, who left his name by his playing on the violin and who succeeded the celebrated Balthus as leader of Charles II's band of twenty-four violins. Pops, in an entry in his diary for February, 1667 tells us the court gossip of the day—"how the king's violin Banister is made that the king hath a Frenchman come to be chief of some part of the king's band."

Banister's concert at the close of the year 1672 were advertised in the London Gazette as follows: "These are to give notice that Mr. John Banister's house move, called the Misses Smith, over against the George Tavern in White Friars, the present Monday will be much performed by excellent masters, beginning precisely at 4 of the clock in the afternoon, and every afternoon for the future precisely at the same hour."

Four years later on we read again: "At the Academy in Little Lincoln's Inn Banister will begin the first part of the Parley of Instruments, composed by Mr. John Banister." The advertisement at this time was a rule a bulletin, and these concerts seem to have been held pretty regularly down to within a short time of Banister's death, which took place in 1679—Chambers's Journal.

CIRCULATING LIBRARIES. They Were Started by the Stationers of the Middle Ages. The earliest form of circulating library was the lending out of books for hire by stationers of the middle ages, but this was of very limited extent in the reign of Henry IV. Richard of Bury, bishop of Durham, left his valuable library for the use of Oxford students. Two provisions are very important, one being that no book was to go into circulation unless there was a duplicate, the other, that the borrower had to deposit security exceeding the value of the book.

Dunfermline, Scotland, established the first popular library of this description in 1711, Edinburgh following in 1725 with one founded by Allan Ramsay. The first public one in England was established in Salisbury, in 1749, and in London in the Strand, in 1754. In becoming popular many London societies established circulating libraries in the eighteenth century and in the nineteenth they became more and more widely spread. London today.

Under Cross Examination. Counsel: Your name, state and age? Lady: Respectfully—Oh, I hardly like to tell you. Counsel: Yet I must know, on knowing it, I may know what you were in your youth. Young Lady: Respectfully—Oh, my third—Pardon me.

For Rent. A NEW, FINE, FOUR ROOM HOUSE, with a full bath, and a large garden, for rent. Apply to Mrs. J. W. Wagoner, No. 100 West Main street, Connellsville, Pa.

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DUNN'S CASH STORES

129, 131, 133 N. PITTSBURG STREET, CONNELLVILLE, PA.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Western, Pennsylvania.—Fair and warmer Saturday; Sunday showers and cooler; light variable winds, becoming fresh, south.

SHELF EMPTYING SALE!

ONE WEEK COMMENCING Monday, Aug. 1st.

Determined and persistent price methods to empty our shelves of Summer Goods. See and satisfy yourself that there was never anything like it as to goods and prices heretofore known—and save the money. Some goods at a half and some a third of their original prices. To be perfectly plain with you, we want to get rid of the goods and have made prices that will appeal to your pocketbook from a price view. It's the most interesting lot of bargains that we have ever offered. See that you get your share. This list is only a partial list—every department has goods not mentioned here and are going to do so if prices will move them.

Children's Polka-Dot Hosiery. Red and blue sold; for 25c the pair; sale price5c the pair.

Children's Pique and Silk Hats. White and colored; sold 75c, \$1 and \$1.25; sale price50c each.

Children's White Pique Hats and White Sunbonnets. Sold for 50c, sale price.....25c each.

Ladies' Shirt Waist Suits. Colors, blue and white, black and white and gray and white, sold for \$1.75 the suit, sale price\$1.00 the suit.

Children's Wash Dresses. Gingham colors red and blue, sizes 2, 3, 4 and 5 years, sold for \$1, \$1.15 and \$1.50; sale price75c each.

Ladies' Jacket Suits. Colors blue and white and gray, sold for \$12, \$13, \$14 and \$25; sale price\$6.00.

Old Shades in Taffeta Silk. Sold for 50c, the yard and 1 to 2 price will be 50c the yard. That's the story, that tells of a bargain that's worth coming for.

Ladies' White Waists. Sold for \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each, embroidery and lace trimmed, sale price75c each.

Children's White and Colored Pique Jackets. Sizes 1, 2 and 3 years; sold for \$2 and \$2.50 each; sale price, 50c each.

Ladies' Lisle Vests. White strap and short sleeve, sold for 50c; sale price25c each.

Brainard and Armstrong Embroidered Silks. Old shades 1c; sale price1c a skein.

Parasols. Ladies' and children's, and the story's told when we say that the sale price will be one-half the original prices.

Ladies' Lace Lisle Gloves. Colors, gray, white, tan and mode; sold for 25c the pair; sale price10c the pair.

Embroideries. Narrow and wide; sold for 15c the yard; sale price7c the yard.

Ladies' Walking Skirts. All wool cloth, gray and brown mixtures; sold for \$6.00; sale price\$3.00 each.

A Carpet Bargain. 400 yards, 4 patterns, Kerck Brussels Carpet, suitable for bed rooms; regular price 50c; sale price25c the yard.

Dress Goods. Fancy mixtures, 34 to 42 inches wide, regular price 50c, and 60c the yard; sale price25c the yard.

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WEAR FOR MEN'S CLOTHING

Feather Pillows 3 lbs 50c Lancaster Gingham 6c Yaid

Another Big Offer

FOR Wednesday Afternoon.

Special Screen Door Sale!

To close out all the Screen Doors we have on hand we are going to make somewhat of a sensational sale on them. Next Wednesday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock we will sell 99c and \$1.25 Screen Doors for 50c each. It's less than it cost to make them but we need the room more than the money. There's but a limited number and those who arrive early will get their choice. You can't buy the material for the price.

Ladies' Skirts. We have a large line of Skirts for ladies in all those popular clothes, Scotch Mixtures, Voiles, and Broad Cloths. They range in price from 99c to \$4.98.

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Hammocks. We have a number of those good ones left which will be closed out as soon as possible. You cannot afford to put in the balance of the summer without one. Up from\$1.25.

Chinese and Japanese Matting. Chinese Matting, a good grade, for, per yard,10. Japanese Matting in various colors, cotton warp and very durable, per yard,19.

Ladies' Umbrellas. A fine assortment of excellent Umbrellas, good cloth tops and fancy handles. They are the \$1.25 kind, our price,99.

Campaign Caps. We have just received a big line of Campaign Caps for the patriotic boys, Parker and Davis and Hosesell and Fairbanks for,10.

Window Shades. 12x22 inch shades, 8! O. handle the 50c shade, value 1.00,25.

Remnant Prints. We always have a quantity of remnants in red, blue and various colors. They are in quantities for per yard,5.

Sofa Cushion Covers. Beautiful Lisle Cushion Covers, all manners of designs for living rooms. They are in quantities for per yard,23. Cloth sets, usually sold for 75c and 25c, our price 5c and19.

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Baskets.

Fancy Shopping and Market Baskets in colors, 30c, 49c and59. Britton covered Lunch Baskets, 25c, 25c and35.

Boy's Iron Express Wagons. 11x22 inches, .79; 12x24 inches, .99; 13x27 inches, \$1.25.

Mason's Fruit Jars. 1 qt glass jars, .35; 2 qt glass jars, .49; 3 qt glass jars, .59; 4 qt glass jars, .69; 5 qt glass jars, .79; 6 qt glass jars, .89; 7 qt glass jars, .99; 8 qt glass jars, \$1.09; 9 qt glass jars, \$1.19; 10 qt glass jars, \$1.29; 11 qt glass jars, \$1.39; 12 qt glass jars, \$1.49; 13 qt glass jars, \$1.59; 14 qt glass jars, \$1.69; 15 qt glass jars, \$1.79; 16 qt glass jars, \$1.89; 17 qt glass jars, \$1.99; 18 qt glass jars, \$2.09; 19 qt glass jars, \$2.19; 20 qt glass jars, \$2.29; 21 qt glass jars, \$2.39; 22 qt glass jars, \$2.49; 23 qt glass jars, \$2.59; 24 qt glass jars, \$2.69; 25 qt glass jars, \$2.79; 26 qt glass jars, \$2.89; 27 qt glass jars, \$2.99; 28 qt glass jars, \$3.09; 29 qt glass jars, \$3.19; 30 qt glass jars, \$3.29; 31 qt glass jars, \$3.39; 32 qt glass jars, \$3.49; 33 qt glass jars, \$3.59; 34 qt glass jars, \$3.69; 35 qt glass jars, \$3.79; 36 qt glass jars, \$3.89; 37 qt glass jars, \$3.99; 38 qt glass jars, \$4.09; 39 qt glass jars, \$4.19; 40 qt glass jars, \$4.29; 41 qt glass jars, \$4.39; 42 qt glass jars, \$4.49; 43 qt glass jars, \$4.59; 44 qt glass jars, \$4.69; 45 qt glass jars, \$4.79; 46 qt glass jars, \$4.89; 47 qt glass jars, \$4.99; 48 qt glass jars, \$5.09; 49 qt glass jars, \$5.19; 50 qt glass jars, \$5.29; 51 qt glass jars, \$5.39; 52 qt glass jars, \$5.49; 53 qt glass jars, \$5.59; 54 qt glass jars, \$5.69; 55 qt glass jars, \$5.79; 56 qt glass jars, \$5.89; 57 qt glass jars, \$5.99; 58 qt glass jars, \$6.09; 59 qt glass jars, \$6.19; 60 qt glass jars, \$6.29; 61 qt glass jars, \$6.39; 62 qt glass jars, \$6.49; 63 qt glass jars, \$6.59; 64 qt glass jars, \$6.69; 65 qt glass jars, \$6.79; 66 qt glass jars, \$6.89; 67 qt glass jars, \$6.99; 68 qt glass jars, \$7.09; 69 qt glass jars, \$7.19; 70 qt glass jars, \$7.29; 71 qt glass jars, \$7.39; 72 qt glass jars, \$7.49; 73 qt glass jars, \$7.59; 74 qt glass jars, \$7.69

SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS.

Dunbar People Are Puzzled Over Shots and Sound of a Falling Body.

LOOKING OUT FOR THIEVES.

Meeting to Organize Sons of Veterans. Viewers Will Set Damages on Tuesday—Carnival Fever Strikes Small Boys—Valuable Cow Is Killed.

Dunbar, July 26.—If there was a robbery in Dunbar Thursday night it has not yet been made public, but there were some actions upon the part of some unknown parties that were heard about four o'clock yesterday morning that would lead one to think that something of that kind was being enacted. Some prominent citizens were awakened at the above hour by the sound of someone rushing down the brick sidewalk on Railroad street and just as they passed by their house a shot was fired and a sound of a deep thud, as though someone had fallen. They immediately arose and made an investigation, but everything was perfectly still and no one was to be seen anywhere. What such actions really signified is not known, but some think that the parties that were running had been trying to gain an entrance somewhere and were scared away. As a number of robberies have been going on here of late it would be advisable for the citizens of town to have their doors and windows securely locked and not to keep any more money about their house than is absolutely necessary, but keep a good firearm about the premises in readiness for anyone who should persist in paying a visit at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

On August 2 there will be a meeting in the K. of P. Hall for the purpose of organizing a camp of the Sons of Veterans, if possible. Several meetings have already been held, but as yet the organization has not been fully completed. It is now hoped that this meeting may prove successful. B. V. Hixson, M. Springer and Evans Rush, who were appointed at the June session of court to view a road in Dunbar township beginning and going along by the Hennessey school house by way of James Russell and others to a point in the road leading from Dunbar borough to Chalk Hill by the old Laurel furnace near the intersection of the road from Perry station, will meet in the Hennessey school house on August 8 to ascertain the damage by the making of said road.

The carnival or show fever has taken hold of our young generation and they have erected quite a large tent on the hill near the frame school house and last evening one could hear them beating their drums and calling out after the fashion of a show, or who tells the people what they may expect to see, but not always what they will see when entering the show.

Mrs. Helen Young expects to visit friends and relatives in Pittsburg during the coming week.

The Royal Arcanum ball team is holding a social in the M. E. Church basement tonight.

Herman Eshari was visiting friends in Confluence, Friday.

William Prece was a recent business visitor in Smithfield.

F. M. Lelander, who has been on a short vacation at his home in Hazelton, Pa., returned to this place yesterday morning.

James Brown, who has been very poorly for some time, is still unimproved and his friends are very much concerned about him.

The School Board of Dunbar borough will meet next Monday evening in the brick school house for the purpose of electing a vice principal and transacting what other business they may have on hand.

The B. & O. section gang were at work yesterday doing some repair work to the track near the depot.

J. F. Wilkey of Confluence was in Dunbar, Friday, transacting business.

Yesterday was pay day at the furnace and today is pay day at the coke works.

Charles A. Gossett and Robert Young of Pittsburg were business callers in Dunbar, Friday.

A valuable cow belonging to James Ryan was stolen by a B. & O. north-bound shifting engine last Thursday evening and killed. The animal had strayed from the pasture field in which it had been put and going onto the track was struck by the train.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Widup, who have been here for some time, the guests of relatives, returned to their homes in Benwood, W. Va.

Messrs. David Williams, Margaret Mithell and Marion Young, R. J. McGee and the Misses Emma McDowell and Sadie Reiner composed a party from this place who visited the carnival in Confluence last night.

The W. A. C. of this place, accompanied by three of the players of the first nine, went to Confluence yesterday and did battle with the strong first nine of that place. Our boys were not heavy enough to hold them down, they losing in the score of 8 to 6. They put up a strong game, but their catcher was not able to hold Quinn.

At a depth of 60 feet the man drilling Harry McDibbons' well secured a good strong flow of water. They are now moving the derrick to T. B. Palmer's residence, where they will drill a well for him, his well being among the number to go dry during the past two weeks.

The Sea Sea Waves. Did you ever listen to the sea waves? Take advantage of the Pennsylvania railroad 16-day excursion on August 4. Rate \$10 in coaches, or \$12 in Pullman cars when accompanied by usual Pullman tickets. Solid train from Pittsburg to Atlantic City without change, leaving at 3.55 A. M. Evening trains at 4.50, 9 and 10 P. M. The 10 P. M. with sleepers only.

KILL VANITY'S MIRROR.

Voile Dresses in Every Color Are Ultra Smart—Skirt Styles.

Voile dresses in every color are ultra smart. They are trimmed with tulle, ruchings, applications of dyed lace and velvet ribbon of a deeper shade. The most effective colors are lavender, gray, ecru and rose pink. For really dressy hats clip and rice straw are most favored, and a combination of hair brush, chenille and satin straw is also accounted very smart, while very effective headgear is formed by the addition of a trim of plaited monacoline to a hat of drawn lace work. One of the newest millinery shapes is an exact copy of a man's felt chapeau shape.



LANVENDER VOILE GOWN.

The novelty consisting in the shape of the hem and the cascade shaped bow on the right instead of on the left. For the plump girl there is only one skirt, that having a plain hip yoke or the upper half laid in plaits. The skirt effects are for the thin, tall girl whose outlines need filling out or whose height can stand the additional fullness and clumsiness.

Even the simplest dresses show such a deal of workmanship that it is impossible for the ordinary amateur to undertake them. While the outlines may be simple, there is such an amount of elaboration that even the plainest yoke is covered with bits of lace and hand work, the whole forming an applied design of beauty.

The thickest lute are being worn in contrast to some of the picture-shapes. An instance of the fickleness of fashion is the revival of the turban carried through in tulle, with a single ostrich feather falling on the hair in the back.

The picture shows a gown of lavender voile. The jacket effect is trimmed with bands of Persian silk, and there are pinups of the same.

JULIE CHOLLET.

PERRYOPOLIS.

Paragraphs from Famous Old Village Washington Laid Out.

Perryopolis, July 29.—Dr. and Mrs. James P. Strickler of Scotland are visiting relatives here.

David Stuckel, who was confined to his room for a few days, is able to be out again.

J. M. Bell was calling on friends in Monessen, Wednesday.

James Baker of Layton is painting Mr. Riffe's new house.

Mrs. Joe Thompson was visiting her sister, Mrs. Clyde Strawn, Thursday.

O. Hixenbaugh was in West Newton on business Friday.

Dr. J. T. Russell made a professional visit to McKee's Rocks, Friday.

Miss Donna Strawn was the guest of Miss Lizzie Carson, Thursday.

Adeline Hixenbaugh is very sick at present. Dr. English is the attending physician.

Allen Galley of Star Junction was a business caller in town Friday.

A ball game will be played this evening at Carson's park.

Isaac Blair was a business caller in town, Friday.

The lawn fete held by the ladies of the M. E. Church was well attended last evening. They are having electric lights put in the church and are going to improve it in many other ways.

Mrs. W. S. Stuckel and son, Ray, spent today at Star Junction visiting friends.

"Uncle Terry."

DAWSON.

Live Notes From the Busy Little Town Down the Yough.

Dawson, July 30.—A. J. Cochran, the coal and coke man, and son, Alva, who have been in New Mexico, the latter for nearly a year and the former for the past three months, returned home this week. Alva, who has been in New Mexico for his health, has come home looking very well and his health has been greatly benefited by his trip. His friends hope that he may continue to improve and that he can remain here with his many friends among whom he is very popular.

C. W. Rish, Sr., better known as "Uncle Charley," is seriously ill at the Rush House, where he was employed as manager. He has some ailment of the liver. It is to be hoped he will soon recover.

Ralph Gibson, the popular assistant bookkeeper for the Washington Coal & Coke Company, who has been off on a 10-day vacation, has returned. He was visiting at Jeannette.

Miss Rebecca Ebbert and Miss Grace Guffey of McKeesport are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Layton Forsythe.

Jean Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murphy, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but at this writing is getting along very nicely.

Special excursion to Pittsburg Sunday, July 31, via B. & O. Fare \$1.00.

CONCEALS HIS NAME.

Slayer of Von Plehve Refuses to Assist Police Investigation.

VICTIM FEARFULLY MANGLED

Widow Sees Corpse and Faints—Emperor Will Attend Funeral Tomorrow—Successor Being Discussed—M. Witto Not Likely to Be Chosen.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—The police have not yet established the identity of the assassin of M. Von Plehve or of his accomplices, though it has been ascertained that the former is a little Russian, which accounts for his noticeable accent. The accomplice is a Jew.

The bomb which the accomplice dropped in the canal after the assassination has been recovered by the police. It is foreign made, though it is believed to have been loaded in St. Petersburg. It is small and cylindrical and is believed to be fully as powerful as the one that killed M. Von Plehve.

The emperor was not present at the requiem last night, but he will attend the funeral Sunday afternoon.

The post mortem examination of the remains of Von Plehve shows that his death was instantaneous. The entire lower part of his face was crushed and the upper part was broken high and low by both squares. The ears were torn off, there was a gaping wound in his breast, his left shoulder was mangled, his left arm was broken off between the wrist and the elbow and his legs were broken.

Mrs. Von Plehve, widow of the deceased statesman, drove to the official residence of the late minister. Friends tried to persuade the widow not to look at the remains of her husband, but she could not resist the impulse. The sight of the body caused the widow, who suffers from heart trouble, a terrible shock and she fell to the door in a fainting condition. She was revived and taken away.

Berlin, July 30.—At a meeting of Social Democrats last night, Herr Liebknecht spoke in the harshest terms of the late Russian minister of the interior, Von Plehve, characterizing him as the "bloodhound of Vilna," whose hands are soiled by the blood of hundreds of thousands of workmen. There was prolonged applause when the speaker declared that he saw Russian emigrants, Jews and Poles for joy when they heard the news of the minister's assassination.

New York, July 30.—Five thousand persons, all that could crowd into Cooper Union, celebrated themselves, tonight last night over the death of the Russian minister of the interior, Von Plehve.

The mass meeting was held by the United Russian Revolutionists to celebrate Von Plehve's death, which they believe will mark a new era of liberty for their brethren in Russia. London, July 30.—The Daily Telegraph's Berlin correspondent says that Emperor Nicholas sent a telegram to M. Witto, president of the Russian council of ministers, asking his advice and offering him the post of minister of the interior with the title of chancellor.

Peters, July 30.—Dr. J. P. Peters, name, well informed circles here do not believe he will succeed the late Von Plehve as Russian minister of the interior, as it is a doubtful possibility that he would accept the office without receiving extensive powers which the emperor would not be able to accord.

M'CLELLAN AT ESOPUS.

Mayor of New York Discusses Governorship With Parker.

Evans, N. Y., July 30.—Mayor McClellan of New York spent an hour with Judge Parker. It was announced that the call was informal, and that politics was discussed only in a general way. The mayor was accompanied by Corporation Counsel DeLoach, John Pierce and John H. McDonald, all of New York. The party made the trip on the yacht Saphire.

The Mormon question was taken up with Judge Parker by Senator Dubois of Idaho. Judge Parker exhibited great interest in the subject and promised to make it a study before closing his letter of acceptance.

Conditions in several of the western states, Senator Dubois said, give the Democrats a good chance of success. He mentioned particularly Idaho, Colorado, Montana and Nevada. National Chairman Taggart stopped at Esopus a short time on his way to Indianapolis.

GUARD BREAKS CAMP.

Pennsylvania's Amateur Soldiers Fold Their Tents and Go Home.

Gettysburg, July 30.—Great activity characterized the national guard camp, all of the commands being busy packing preparatory to breaking camp. Governor Pennypacker, accompanied by Mrs. Pennypacker, left the camp at 9:30 a. m. Major General Miller left last night, as did also some of the officers of the governor's staff and division staff.

The Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Fourteenth and Sixteenth regiments, batteries B and C, First City troop, Sheridan troop and Troop F left during the evening. All the other commands broke camp this morning.

FAMILY OF FIVE PERSONS MURDERED BY ROBBERS.

Statesboro, Ga., July 30.—Henry F. Hodges, his wife and three children, living about six miles from Statesboro, have been killed and their home burned. There were bloodstains outside the building. Hodges, his wife and one child had their skulls broken in by a single blow. Robbery is supposed to have been the cause of the crime.

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"Best Material for the Smallest Prices."

FIREMEN'S World's Fair Contest!

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By making your purchases of Mace & Co. you will have an opportunity to show your appreciation for your most favorite fireman.

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With all anticipated expenses paid. The Firemen will be accommodated at a good hotel and will be entitled to daily admission to the Fair. The entire trip in both directions will be made in fine Pullman Cars with meals in the dining car while on the journey.

CONTEST CLOSES AUGUST 25th, 1904.

All Votes given during each week must be cast by 10 o'clock every Saturday Evening.

MCKINLEY'S POLICY.

HE HAD NO INTENTION OF DISCARDING PROTECTION.

Never uttered a Word Looking Toward the Impairment of Its Integrity—His Last Speech Was a Stand Pat Declaration.

President McKinley's last speech, delivered at Buffalo on the 5th of September, 1901, still serves as a text for tariff discussions of a more or less speculative character. The Boston Herald, for example, advances the following interpretation of that monomaniacal address:

"It can be said without fear of contradiction that it was President McKinley's intention to make his second term memorable by laying down and carrying through an administrative policy on tariff questions which would have implied both a revision of the existing tariff and the adoption by the country of reciprocal trade treaties with a number of the leading nations of the world. What he wanted to do was to gain the assent of the great mass of the common people of the United States in support of the proposition that a needlessly high tariff was seriously objectionable, that revision of the tariff was essential under changing business conditions and that one of the easiest ways to revise the tariff was to use exchange in securing trade advantages with foreign nations."

This is put with commendable caution and conservatism, considering that the Herald has always been an opponent of the tariff principle of which McKinley was the foremost advocate and exponent. Yet a little more is essential to a fair and faithful statement

of the position taken and the policy planned by the lamented president.

There was not a word in the speech to indicate that President McKinley had modified his views as to the wisdom of tariff protection for home industries. There was not a word to suggest that he wanted to revise the tariff for revision's sake or because it was not working well or because he had any idea of abandoning the main principle. He distinctly spoke of the policy of protection as "now firmly established." It is true that he proposed to reduce needlessly high duties, not unconditionally, but as a means of securing reciprocal privileges in foreign markets. There was not a hint of discarding the underlying principles of the existing tariff. The speech was, in fact, a stand pat declaration so far as those principles were concerned.

Anybody can honestly say that "needless" duties should not be imposed. But the term has different meanings in different minds. A free trader will say that all protective duties are not only needless, but vicious, and nobody will accuse McKinley of subscribing to that view. Tariff revision will come in time, not to change the principle, but to adjust the schedules to industrial and commercial conditions. Who shall perform that duty and who shall say when it ought to be performed? We think the people are willing to trust the Republican party in both particulars because they have had gratifying experience with that party as a promoter of their prosperity. We do not think they want the dictation or the services of the Democratic party in any scheme of revision, because that party has not shown a capacity for building up the welfare of the country.

It may safely be said that President McKinley, if he were alive, would agree with the people in these matters, would be one of the foremost stand

paters, and would neither propose nor support any scheme of revision that would abandon the protective system or impair its integrity.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Would It Do Any Better Now?

In answer to the scornful words of Democrats these days about the "present trust breeding tariff law" Republicans are calling attention to the fact that the last time the opposition had a chance a tariff law was enacted so oppressive to the country, so trust breeding in its interests and consequences, that Mr. Cleveland, who was then president, refused to sign it and declared it "an act of perjury and dishonor." It became a law, however, and the party was turned down in consequence. Would the Democratic party do any better now if it had the chance?—Waterville (N. Y.) Times.

Old Maids.

The true "old maid," like the true poet, is born, not made. Old maidliness being a question of innate character rather than of accidental condition. There are old maids of every state and age and sex, says Ellen Thornycroft Fowler, creatures who revel in fies, and batten upon dandruff, and abide in the narrowest of narrow rut. Do we not all know married women with large families who are nevertheless, old maids to the backbone, just as we know adorable elderly spinsters who have the minds of girls and the hearts of mothers? And do we not also know numbers of the (so called) stronger sex whose absorption in trifles and avidity for gossip preclude them old maids of the purest water?

It is too bad that there isn't some way for always having a girl baby just three years old in the family.—Arlington Globe.

HATS OF STRAW.

China Gets the Credit For Having First Made Them.

The earliest makers of straw hats were unquestionably the Chinese. Their work was by no means rough in character, but plaited and sewn together with considerable skill, as may be seen today in the neighborhood of Canton.

In Europe hats were first made in Paris by a Swiss as early as 1404, and we find mentioned among the entries of an inventory of the effects of Sir John Fastolf, 1450, "four strawen hattes," showing them to have been great rarities. Corvatt mentions them as worn in Provence, with a hundred seams, lined with silver and curiously worked.

Tuscany, with Leghorn as a center, took up the work early in the fifteenth century and has maintained it with considerable skill ever since. Bedfordshire, with Dunstable and Luton as centers, has been the headquarters of the industry in England ever since the early part of the seventeenth century.

A Mite That Cost One Stamp.

Fortune has fallen upon Mrs. Nellie Leonard, an Asheville (N. C.) woman, who went to Idaho a few years ago to look after a claim which cost her a postage stamp and which is today worth thousands, says the New York Times. Mrs. Leonard has one of the most promising claims in the Hunter mountain. A letter was received at the Boise camp one day from Mrs. Leonard simply addressed to "Some Miner." There was no postoffice at Boise, but the letter reached its destination. The letter was the subject of many jests among the miners. Finally some of the miners went out and located the claim and did the assaying work.